

Declaration of interests

(Please note that high quality of scientific expertise is by nature based on prior experience and that therefore having an interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest)

Name : **Helle Knutsen**

Title: **MS.**

Profession : **Scientist**

Current EFSA Involvements

- Member - NDA Panel Experts (2018-2024)
- Chair - WG/P/NDA/2018/02 - Novel Foods 2018-2024

Interests

I. Financial investments

No interests

II. Managerial role

No interests

III. Member of a scientific advisory entity

Period: **01/03/2004 - now**

Organisation: **Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food Safety**

Subject matter: Risk assessment of contaminants in food, as member of the panel on contaminants in the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food Safety (VKM). From September 2018 also as Chair of the Panel on contaminants in VKM, and therefore also member of the Scientific Steering Committee of VKM from September 2018. VKM carries out risk assessments for the Norwegian Food Safety Authority and the Norwegian Environment Agency. My activity has involved comparing dietary intakes and/or biomarkers of contaminant exposure (e.g. dioxins, dl-PCBs, mercury, flame retardants, cadmium, arsenic) in population subgroups with current tolerable intakes. It has also involved risk assessment of substances currently without tolerable intakes (e.g. ndl-PCBs, PAHs, furan, oxidation products). VKM also performs risk-benefit assessments. I was member of a WG on assessment of microplastic in food and environment and a WG on ranking of substances for prioritization of surveillance, organised under VKM's steering committee 2018-2019. I am currently member of a WG under the VKM steering committee on risk-benefit assessment of fish consumption. I am chairing a WG under VKM contam panel on exposure to dioxins and dl-PCBs. Risk assessments in VKM's panel on contaminants are performed on request from the Norwegian Food Control Authority or are self-initiated by VKM. All panel members have voting rights. The outputs are published as statements or opinions on the official website of the VKM. The delivered advice is taken into consideration by the Norwegian Food Control Authority and other governmental organs.

IV. Employment

Period: **01/03/1999 - now**

Organisation: **Norwegian Institute of Public Health (Nasjonalt Folkehelseinstitutt), Norway, Oslo**

Impact on annual earnings: **>25%**

Subject matter: Dietary intake assessment of contaminant exposure in population subgroups, and analysis of correlation between dietary intake and biomarkers of exposure. Effects of exposure to organic contaminants and metals on different end points in the Norwegian birth cohort. The Norwegian Institute of Public Health is not involved in risk management in the area of food safety. Risk assessments of contaminants in food are mainly performed through participation in VKM, but I also do risk assessment on contaminants in food on request from public bodies in my regular work at the institute

V. Occasional consultancy

No interests

VI. Research funding

No interests

VII. Intellectual property rights

No interests

VIII. Other memberships or affiliations

No interests

IX. Other relevant interest

No interests

User Agreement

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- I think I do not have a conflict of interest with respect to my activity(ies) at EFSA
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Remarks:-

I hereby declare that I have read the [EFSA Decision on Competing Interest Management](#) implementing EFSA's Policy on Independence and that the above declaration is truthful and complete.

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Signature: SIGNED

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